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STATE FOR EEB/TPP/MTAA/ABT ARYAN
PASS TO USTR JANE DOHERTY
WHA/CAR FOR JROSHOLT
USDA/OSTA FOR CLAY HAMILTON AND CASEY BEAN

E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: EAGR ETRD ECON NS
SUBJECT: SURINAME: NO BAN ON PORK IN PLACE

REF: STATE 44254

¶1. (U) On May 5, Pol-Econ Chief met with Edmund Rozenblad, Chief Veterinary Officer for the Government of Suriname, and conveyed the points in Reftel. Rozenblad assured Pol-Econ Chief that although on April 27 he had initially set an import ban on raw pork and live swine, he had lifted the ban after forty-eight hours after ascertaining that there was no threat of animal- or product-to-human transmission.

¶2. (U) Rozenblad also noted that since live animal imports to Suriname are sporadic, and generally originate in Europe, and because it is usually processed rather than raw pork that is imported into Suriname, there had been little to no effect on overall trade with the United States as a result of the temporary import ban.

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